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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Steven L. Schmidt et al.
Serial No: Unassigned
Filed: Herewith
For: ENHANCED OXYGEN-SCAVENGING POLYMERS AND PACKAGING
MADE THEREFROM

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph in the "Prior Applications" section, beginning at line 6 of page 1, as shown:

This is a continuation of U.S. serial no. 09/236,498 filed January 26, 1999, entitled "Enhanced Oxygen-Scavenging Polymers and Packaging Made Therefrom" by Steven L. Schmidt et al., which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. serial no. 09/169,439 filed October 9, 1998, and U.S. serial no. 09/018,217 filed February 3, 1998, from which priority is claimed and which are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety.

Conclusion

A favorable first office action is hereby respectfully requested.

If, for any reason, the Examiner is of the opinion that a telephone conversation with Applicants' representative would expedite prosecution, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at (617) 720-3500.

No fee is due. Please charge any fee or fee deficiency occasioned by this amendment in the Notice to File Missing Parts, which will be issued in this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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